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The reply filed on 11-12-04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In the request for election of species, Applicants were requested to elect a single disclosed species that fell within the sub-generics a) fragment of fodrin, b) fragment of IPF I,J,K, c) fragment of EAALTSEEVG, and d) fragment comprising YHRFK. Applicants elected "a fragment of IPF I,J,K." However, this is not a proper response since the Applicants elected a sub-generic rather than a species. A species is a single embodiment encompassed by the claims. "A fragment of IPF I,J,K," encompasses numerous embodiments and thus does not qualify as a species. If Applicants wish examination of the IPF fragment, then applicants are requested to elect a single disclosed fragment of IPF I,J,K.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anish Gupta whose telephone number is (571)272-0965. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell, can normally be reached on (571) 272-0974. The fax phone number of this group is (703) 308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.


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